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THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" I cannot at all forecast, Sir, because it is a Committee appointed by the Government of India and the Committee had only one meeting, as far as I know."

Filling up of vacancies in the Cadre of Civil Assistant Surgeon.

* 109 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of vacancies in the cadre of Civil Assistant Surgeons reserved for war service candidates and de-reserved for civilians;

(b) whether these vacancies in both categories were filled up in accordance with the rules prescribed and, if so, what those rules are;

(c) whether reservation of vacancies was at first discontinued after 31st March 1947, i.e., the date of the official termination of war;

(d) whether candidates appointed even after 1st April 1947 were considered eligible for de-reserved vacancies;

(e) whether, in selecting candidates for de-reserved vacancies, the period of temporary service has been taken into account;

(f) whether any candidate has been selected even though there is no temporary service to his credit;

(g) whether any posts among the de-reserved vacancies were allotted to specialists and, if so, how many of such posts were allotted and what the special qualifications prescribed for these specialists are;

(h) whether by ear-marking vacancies for specialists the number of vacancies for those in temporary medical service have been reduced and, if so, to what extent;

(i) whether rules for normal recruitment of candidates for the Madras Medical Service do not provide for recruitment for specialists to the cadre of Civil Assistant Surgeons; and

(j) whether any departure has been made from normal rules and, if so, what the circumstances are which necessitated such a departure? 11-15 a.m.

(The President called on the Hon. Minister for Public Health to answer the question, but the Hon. Dr. T. S. S. Rajan did not rise to answer the question.)

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I think the Hon. Premier is responsible for your inattention."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Not at all, Sir. I am responsible. It is a question which I have got to answer."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I say that he (the Hon. Premier) is responsible for your inattention."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" It is not at all his fault, Sir. I am at fault."

(Dr. T. S. S. Rajan then answered the question.)

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THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" (a) The vacancies reserved for war service candidates in the cadre of Civil Assistant Surgeons, Class I (Men), and Women Assistant Surgeon, Class I, are 179 and 5 respectively and the vacancies dereserved for Civilian candidates are 86 for men and 3 for women.

" (b) The selection of war service candidates was made in accordance with the Madras Medical Service (War Service Personnel) Recruitment Rules, 1945, and that of civilians in accordance with the rules published with Notification No. 174 on page 475 of Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 1st June 1948.

" (c) The reservation of vacancies for war service candidates was made only till 31st March 1947.

" (d) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (e) Only for purposes of computing the age with reference to the age-limit prescribed for recruitment.

" (f) The answer is in the negative.

" (g) Seventy-four posts in the category of Civil Assistant Surgeons—Class I (Men) in the teaching and specialist departments and two posts in the category of Women Assistant Surgeon—Class I in the Gynæcological department were reserved for candidates possessing post-graduate qualifications or at least experience in the concerned speciality.

" (h) The answer is in the negative. Recruitment to the specialists' posts also was made only from among the temporary Civil Assistant Surgeon—Class I.

" (i) The Special Rules for the Madras Medical Service provide for the recruitment of candidates for appointment as Civil Assistant Surgeons—Class I only in certain special departments like Radiology department and the Chemical Examiner's department.

" (j) The reservation of a certain number of posts to candidates possessing post graduate qualification or experience in certain specialities was a departure from the normal recruitment rules. This had to be made owing to the grave dearth of qualified persons for holding posts in Specialist or teaching departments."

[* 110 Q.—

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member Sri P. R. K. Sarma is not in his place. I will take up this question at the end."]

Udayarpalayam Teacher Murder Case.

* 111 Q.—SRI B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the case against Sri B. Venkatachalam Pillai, M.L.A., of Tiruchirappalli, known as " Udayarpalayam Teacher Murder Case " has been withdrawn by the District Magistrate of Tiruchirappalli;